

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 3 with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- It is preferable that the bath cover 100 be comprised of a material that will not contaminate the lubricant nor form particulates that may become resident upon the disk surfaces. Suitable materials are stainless steel and Teflon polymers, although the invention is not to be so limited. Teflon is a registered trademark of E. I. Du Pont De Nemours and Company, Wilmington, Delaware. It is desirable that the bath cover 100 be held stationary within the tank such that the dipping of the disks is reliably conducted without the disks making solid-solid contact with the bath cover fingers 122 that are disposed between the disks 18. It is also desirable that the bath cover 100 be vibrationally isolated from the tank walls 10, such that external vibrations that are transmitted to the tank walls, are not transmitted to the bath cover. The bath cover 100 can then act to intercept surface waves from the tank walls 10 that might otherwise impinge upon the disk surfaces to create the unwanted multiple layering of lubricant upon the disk surfaces. The bath cover of the present invention may be further improved, as is depicted in Fig. 7, by modifying the edge surfaces of the finger-like projections 122 to be non-reflective of surface waves that may occur. Specifically, the edges 180 may be irregularly shaped 184 (rather than smooth and flat) and/or, as depicted in Fig. 8, they may be formed of a porous material 188 that is absorbent of surface waves that strike the porous surface 188, such that the surface waves are not reflected.--